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Cong.-JD(S) hold joint meet in city

Ministers G.T. Devegowda and S.R. Mahesh of JD(S) conspicuous by their absence

Former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah discussing a point with former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa at the Congress-JD(S) joint meeting in city this noon as Mysuru-Kodagu coalition candidate C.H. Vijayashankar and former MLA Vasu look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 29 (MTY&BCT)- The first preliminary coordination meeting of Congress-JD(S) leaders and party workers to chalk out winning strategies for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections for Mysuru-Kodagu Parliamentary seat began in city this morning. The meeting was chaired by former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, who is also the head of the State-level Coordination Committee for the coalition government.

The meeting began at Gayathri Convention Hall near Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle (popular as Highway Circle) on New Sayyaji Rao road and more than 1,500 party workers attended.

Interestingly, while all top Congress leaders were present, JD(S) leaders Mysuru District Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD) and Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh were conspicuous by their absence.

The meeting that was scheduled to begin at 11.30 am began at 12.30 pm and only a handful of JD(S) ground-level leaders like former Mayor R. Lingappa, former Corporator K.V. Mallesh and Corporator S.B.M. Manju were present. Even the City JD(S) President K.T. Cheluvegowda was missing in action.

Congress leaders were in full strength including Mysuru-Kodagu Congress candidate C.H. Vijayashankar, MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, MLC R. Dharmasena, former MLA Vasu, former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, City Congress President R. Murthy, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar and former Mayor and current Corporator Ayub Khan.

Sensing anxiousness among JD(S) party workers as their top leaders were absent, announcers kept on assuring them that both GTD and S.R. Mahesh would attend the meeting. However, they had not arrived till we went to the press.

Earlier too, the absence of GTD from the Lok Sabha poll scene in Mysuru sparked speculation over the understanding between the coalition partners. GTD was conspicuous by his absence when Vijayshankar filed his nomination papers.

Reacting on this, City Congress Committee President R. Murthy said GTD was away touring Kalaburagi and Kolar attending some of the events organised by the Higher Education Department.

(See MEET on page 9)

ECI gives clean chit to PM Modi's ASAT address

New Delhi, Mar. 29- The Election Commission of India (ECI) this morning gave a clean chit to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his address on 'Mission Shakti'. The poll panel had set up a committee to examine whether Modi's speech broke the Model Code of Conduct which is in force for Lok Sabha polls. ECI said there was no violation of Model Code in PM's speech.

After Opposition parties alleged that Modi's address to the nation on successful Anti-Satellite (ASAT) test was in violation of Code of Conduct, the ECI held "internal consultation" over the issue. The panel sought full speech of Modi from the Centre to address the issue.

Narendra Modi

The ECI directed a committee of officers to examine the matter immediately in the light of the Model Code. The test was conducted at 11.16 am on Wednesday and the PM made the announcement after an hour. The timing of this address to the nation had been questioned by Opposition parties who said that it was done to gain political traction.

To Our Readers

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Desire and reality

The countdown phase of the nation's election process for its 17th Lok Sabha to take shape has moved to the *countup* phase, if the term merits to be coined. The vote-seeking aspirants for the privilege of membership of the august house have begun the all-too-familiar five-yearly *tamasha* of first wangling a *ticket* as a nominee of the respective political party and take to the course of consulting astrologers *in camera* to be advised on the auspicious time for filing the nomination papers in the Office of the Returning Officer. Thanks to the introduction of Model Code of Conduct, the nominated contestant is required to behave taking care not to violate any of the restrictions stipulated in the code, particularly in the matter of resorting to money-power, muscle-power and liquor-power. Psephologists of all hues are having a field-day predicting the outcome of the poll in Constituencies where the different social factors, specially caste affiliations, count. The rest of action falls into place with the poll machinery doing its part.

Amidst the over-charged rhetoric by the top guns of the major political parties, dominated by mutual mud-slinging, much to the amusement of the followers of reports in the media, the manifestos of the various parties are used to create an impression in the voters that all will be well again unlike the miseries that are bugging them no end.

The portfolio of expectations on the part of *aam janata* from successive governments getting longer and wider year-on-year, the issues of unemployment, run away cost of medicare and shrinking stock of water required for agriculture and daily life continue to be getting out of hand, even as the vote-seekers who make it to the *gaddi* of high posts in the government are salivating in the thought of making merry with public funds. The steady rise in the number of unemployed in the population has been talked about in both circles of the informed and outfits pursuing their cause with no sign of concrete action to arrest its further worsening.

The desire of people at large boils down to find avenues for *earning* income sufficient to lead a decent life along with *value* for the money. These points seem to be hiding in the text of manifestos published by the major parties. That marks the wide gap between the *desire* on the part of people at large and *reality* at the end of the day.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The key issue is not whether India needs more watchmen, but why so few crooks caught by existing watchmen are not in jail. Modi came to power promising to end corruption. After five years in power, how many important people in politics or business have been convicted beyond appeals for corruption? Hardly any. If the Police-Judicial system is so incompetent and corrupt that it cannot convict crooks, the need of the hour is to expand Judges rather than watchmen, and speed up processes. Why get a million new volunteer chowkidars if the Courts cannot convict the millions nabbed by existing chowkidars? India needs more convicted crooks, not more chowkidars. *— Swaminathan S. Anklesaria Aiyar in The Sunday Times*

NEWS SPARKLERS

World War I grenade found among potatoes

Hong Kong: Hong Kong Police have destroyed a German-made grenade from World War I after the device cropped up in a shipment of imported potatoes at a local potato chip factory.

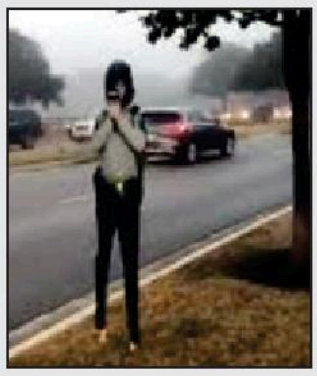
The grenade, described by authorities as having been caked with mud and dirt, was discovered by workers at a factory run by Japanese snack maker Calbee, South China Morning Post reported.

Superintendent Wilfred Wong Ho Hon said the "the grenade was imported from France together with the other potatoes." Dave Macri, a military historian, said that the grenade had likely been dug up by accident by potato harvesters in France.

"If it was covered in mud, the grenade was likely to have been left behind, dropped by soldiers there during the war, or left there after it was thrown" by enemies, Macri said.

Police said they used a "high-pressure water firing technique" to safely detonate the weapon.

Cop uses cardboard deputies to stop speedsters



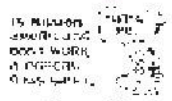
Texas: A Texas Sheriff has come up with a unique way to stop speeding motorists. According to Williamson County Sheriff Robert Chody, he's pairing deputies with cardboard cutouts of officers to deter motorists from speeding.

The sheriff tweeted a video showing one of the faux deputies pointing a radar gun at oncoming traffic. The cardboard deputies do appear to be deterring speeders. Chody said that he recently tested them in school zones with real deputies stationed nearby.

"We didn't get one speeder; all were braking before they got to the cutout or as they were approaching the cutout," he said.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How does shift work affect my health?



Shift work has a negative effect on quality of sleep because it works against our circadian rhythm cycle. Our bodies are designed to sleep at night, not during the day. Shift work is associated with heart attack, obesity, a higher rate of early death and lower brain power.

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Bhavayana: Musical tribute to S.G. Raghuram

Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust, Mysuru, is the brain-child of H.R. Leelavathi and late S.G. Raghuram couple, founded in the year 1985. The Trust also consisted of many leading culturally-oriented senior citizens of Mysuru and after the demise of Raghuram, the onus of organising music programmes fell on Leelavathi who is effectively carrying on the crusade in a diligent manner.

The current programme is on the 31st (Sunday) and the venue is Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha auditorium, JLB Road at 6 pm. The singers are a motley group of about 30 ladies, all disciples of Leelavathi. They are sure to enthrall the audience with the lilting songs of our poets given life in the form of raga and thala tuned by the duo (Leelavathi and late Raghuram). *Bhavayana* is a musical tribute to Raghuram.

The artistes who would provide instrumental support to the singers are: **C. Viswanath on mandolin, Purushotham on harmonium, Indushekar on tabla, Raghavendra Prasad on rhythm pad.**

The programme, brilliantly orchestrated, is open to all connoisseurs of art and music.

— M.L. Krishnaswami

Kautilya student takes off to NASA in May

Mysuru, Mar. 29- U.Saidhanya of Kautilya Vidyalaya, Mysuru, will be representing the institution at the International Space Science Conference to be held in NASA, Kennedy Space Centre, USA, in May 2019.

She was selected as Best Performer for her essay at the National-level Space Science competition conducted by US-based educational organisation Go4Guru recently.

In the International Space Science Conference, she will interact with prominent scientists and astronauts. Saidhanya is the daughter of M.R. Umesh, Divisional Engineer in Railways and Nandini.

Achiever U. Saidhanya seen with Kautilya Vidyalaya Senior Principal Dr. L. Savitha.

Really...?

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Two men from Dublin are walking to the Annual Dublin Fair, when it starts to rain. "Patrick, put your umbrella up, it's raining."
"I can't, Mick, it's got holes in it."
"Holes in it? Then why did you bring it with you?"
"I didn't think it would rain !!"

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Time to implement electoral reforms

Sir,

Now that the festival of democracy is unfolding in front of us, it is time to take the next big step and implement electoral reforms. Though there have been enough discussions around this, no concrete steps have been taken except for the faulty implementation of NOTA (None of the Above) option.

Below are some of the electoral reforms to place the real power of democracy in the hands of the citizens:

1. NOTA (None Of The Above): The current implementation of NOTA seems to be a half-hearted attempt to allow citizens to vent out their frustration. If NOTA gets the highest number of votes (or more than 50% of the total votes) in an Assembly or Parliamentary Constituency, there should be a re-election and none of the existing candidates who stood for election should be allowed to file their nomination again. This will force the political parties to put up credible candidates.

2. Key Performance Areas (KPAs): It should be mandated by law that all political parties in consultation with the public should define KPAs for all their elected representatives. These should have proper targets which are measurable and verifiable.

3. Annual Report Card: The political parties / elected representatives should be mandated to present an Annual Report card with their performance measured against the set KPAs.

4. Right to Recall: If the elected representative has not met the KPAs, the people of the Assembly or Parliamentary Constituency should have the right to recall their representative and elect a new candidate.

5. Online Voting: Lastly there should be an option for citizens to vote online. If we can implement Aadhaar, we can definitely do this also.

Every sector is going through change and is being made more accountable, so why this exception to the profession of politics?

We claim to be the largest democracy in the world, let us also show the world that we are a responsible democracy.

—Kasi Ganeshan

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NEWS BRIEFS

Free training for underprivileged

Lions Club of Mysore West, Gokulam 3rd stage, has organised a free training class in tailoring, beauty culture, ayurveda massage, bag making, housekeeping and ironing to the underprivileged people for a period of three months. The club will also assist the beneficiaries in placement or start their own business. No age limits and education qualification are required but Aadhar card is mandate. For details, contact Mob: 98454-22855 or 98864-82061.

Training for poll duty officers on Mar. 31

The Office of the Tahsildar has organised a one-day training programme for poll duty officials of Hunsur Assembly segment on Mar. 31 at St. Joseph's School, Gokul Road, near Old Bus Stand in Hunsur town. Designated poll duty officials must attend this training programme without failing. They are requested to bring their bank account details with IFSC Code and recipient ID issued by Treasury Officer-2. Stern action will be taken on the absentee officials as per People's Representation Act of 1951, stated the press release.

Book release

The book "Prof. and Lieutenant Commander C.T. Shivappa Gowda Megalamane - A Unique Personality" will be released at a function to be held at Youth Hostel of India premises, Saraswathipuram, at 5 pm. MLA C.T. Ravi, former Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University Prof. Chidananda Gowda, Coffee Planter from USA Dr. Vishwamitra, Prof. Sunitha Byrappa, Mysore University, Director of APSRDI Dr. Raju, Director of Mahajana PG Centre Prof. C.K. Renukarya, Past President of Rotary Club Srinivas, former DC of KSRTC K.S. Ramegowda and ex-Corporator Preetham Nandish will be the chief guests.

Chief Election Observer appointed

The 2005-batch IAS Officer Kuldip Narayan has been appointed as Chief Election Observer by the Election Commission of India to check poll expenses during Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha elections. He will be staying at the Government Guest House. Public can meet him between 4 pm and 5 pm daily during his stay in city. He can be contacted on Mob: 82770-40782, according to a press release.

Pratap Simha on brisk campaign

Mysuru-Kodagu MP and BJP candidate Pratap Simha seen campaigning at Panchavalli village in Periyapatna taluk this morning as (from left) BJP Taluk President Ravi, leader Vikram Raju and former MLA H.C. Basavaraju look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 29 (MTY&DM)- Stepping up his campaign, BJP candidate MP Pratap Simha went on a whirlwind tour of several villages in the taluk on Thursday.

After the poll authorities validated his nomination, Pratap Simha went on a campaign spree, holding poll rallies at several villages in the taluk falling under Chamundeshwari Constituency.

Simha begun the day on Thursday by offering special prayers at Chandramouleshwara Swamy Temple at Siddalingapura, where he was accorded a warm welcome by the villagers.

Going on a 'Village run,' Simha visited 19 villages and three localities in Mysuru city on Thursday.

Simha visited Naganahalli, Kamanakerehundi, Kesare, Hanchya, Sathagalli, Alanahalli, Hosahundi, Bandipalya, Byatahalli, Doddakanya, Chikkakanya, Talur, Murudagalli, Doora, Kellahalli, Jayapura, Marsnahalli, Baradanapura villages in Mysuru taluk and Sharadadevinagar Circle, Ramakrishnanagar and Maruthi Tent in the city.

Highlighting his achievements over the past five years, Simha said Naganahalli Satellite Railway Station, Railway Goods Terminal at Kadakola, expansion of city Railway Station, introduction of more trains and many other Railway projects were his contribution.

Accusing the previous Siddharamaiah Government of doing little for the development of Chamundi Hills, he said that the Union Government has sanctioned Rs. 100 crore for development of the Hill under PRASADA Scheme.

Maintaining that the Ring road was completed only after he became MP, he appealed the people to re-elect Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the sake of the Country's development and security.

Referring to IT raids on JD(S) leaders, Pratap Simha ruled out BJP's role in the raids. Alleging that Opposition leaders cry foul whenever the I-T Department raid their houses and offices, Simha wondered why the JD(S) leaders were raising such a hue and cry if they have not done anything wrong.

BJP leaders Hemanth Kumar, Arun Kumar Gowda, Gopal Rao, Rajkumar and others were present.

Poll code violation: Complaint against Mysuru-Kodagu MP

Mysuru, Mar.29 (MK&DM)- Accusing sitting Mysuru-Kodagu BJP MP Pratap Simha of violating the model code of conduct, the District Congress on Thursday lodged a complaint with Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, who is also the District Electoral Officer.

The Congress has accused Pratap Simha and his followers of decorating the idol of Shiva, the presiding deity of Chandramouleshwara Temple, Siddalingapura, which belongs to the Muzari Department, with a *shalya* having the BJP symbol.

Terming the MP's act as a poll code violation, the district Congress has urged the district administration to take action against the MP.

Congress leaders who met the DC, sought action against Pratap Simha for using the temple for poll campaign, which is a clear violation of the model code of conduct.

District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar, City Congress President R. Murthy, leaders Prakash, Headathale Manjunath, Basavaraja Nayaka and others were present.

Dr. Yathindra appeals electorate to re-elect Dhruvanarayan

Dr. Yathindra

Chamarajanagar, Mar.29- Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra, son of former CM Siddharamaiah has appealed the people to re-elect Chamarajanagar Congress MP R. Dhruvanarayan with a huge margin.

Addressing a meeting of party workers at Harave in the Taluk on Thursday, Dr. Yathindra said that the previous UPA Government headed by Dr. Manmohan Singh had waived Rs. 72,000 crore farm loans. Also, the previous Congress government headed by his father Siddharamaiah had waived off farmer loans up to Rs.50,000 in Co-operative Banks and now the JD(S)- Congress coalition government has announced Rs.1 lakh farm loan waiver.

Accusing PM Modi of failing the farmers, Yathindra accused the BJP of doling out false promises and spending thousands of crores of rupees on advertisements.

MP R. Dhruvanarayan said that development was his achievement as Chamarajanagar MP for the past 10 years. He claimed that he has been successful in brining Rs. 4,500 crore to the constituency and carrying out many developmental works including establishment of an Agricultural College, Law College, Kendriya Vidyalaya and Passport Seva Kendra. He also recalled the contribution of late H.S. Mahadeva Prasad as a Minister in the previous Siddharamaiah government.

Congress leaders Ganesh Prasad, Kerehalli Naveen, District Congress President P. Mariswamy, former MP Siddaraju, ZP members Bommaiah and Chennappa, former CADA Chairman Nanjappa and others were present.

JD(S)-Congress joint campaign in Mysuru from Apr.1

Vishwanath

Hunsur, Mar. 29(KK&DM)- Stating that the JD(S)-Congress would launch a joint campaign for Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat Congress Candidate C.H. Vijayshankar, State JD(S) President A.H. Vishwanath has expressed confidence that Vijayshankar would win.

Addressing a press meet at Hunsur on Thursday, Vishwanath said District Minister G.T. Devegowda, Kodagu District Minister S.R. Mahesh, former CM Siddharamaiah, MLA Tanveer Sait, leaders G. Vijaya, Ganesh, MLC Veena Achaiah, former MLAs H.P. Manjunath, K. Venkatesh, MLA Mahadeva and other JD(S) and Congress leaders will launch the joint campaign on Apr. 1.

Giving a brief on the campaign, Vishwanath said at the poll rallies, the JD(S) and Congress leaders will highlight the failures of Narendra Modi government and the achievements of the State coalition government.

Replying to a query on whether himself (Vishwanath) and Mysuru District Minister G.T. Devegowda have been sidelined in the district in favour of Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, he said that G.T. Devegowda will lead the election campaign in Mysuru and S.R. Mahesh in Kodagu.

Expressing confidence that the coalition partners would win at least 20 Lok Sabha seat in the State, Vishwanath reiterated that C.H. Vijayashankar will triumph in the LS polls.

Leaders Shivakumar, H.Y. Mahadevu, H.M. Fazlullah, Mohammed Peer and others were present at the press meet.

Bike rider creating awareness about compulsory voting

Mysuru, Mar.29 (YDS&NNN)- This is the election season and it is the time when each and every voter becomes significant as he/she has the power to vote. However, many still show apathy to vote as they feel their votes will not make much difference. To dispel such ideas, a bike rider has embarked on a journey to create awareness about the importance of compulsory voting.

He is Bengaluru's Magadi resident and Samartha Kannadigaru Samsthe Chief Convenor 42-year-old Basavaraju S. Kallusakkare.

Even though it is more than 70 years since the country got independence, the voter turnout is just between 55 to 60 per cent. In order to see that it touches 100 per cent, Basavaraju started his campaign on Feb. 24 from Bengaluru on his bike and has so far visited Kolar, Kanakapura, Tumakuru, Chitradurga, Davanagere, Koppal covering almost 25 districts and has been creating awareness among students by going to schools and colleges.

He has also visited the border towns of Kolar's Nangli and Bidar's Chandi Muked villages and asked the rural folk to vote compulsorily.

He has also been advocating about the participation of everyone in a 'Secure Democracy' and using slogans like 'Our Vote, Our Pride,' asking the voters to see that democracy wins. People must also vote for a civil society and stable government are his other messages.

He is also distributing pamphlets with a message 'Voting is our birthright and do not sell it.'

Basavaraju has already travelled 4,800 kms and has come to Mysuru. Today he will be leaving for Chamarajanagar and later ride to Mandya and through Ramanagaram return to Bengaluru on Mar.31.

I have taken permission from the Election Commission to travel round the State to create awareness about the importance of voting. The EC has also made provisions for me to stay in guest houses in each district. However, I have to meet the fuel and food expenses myself.

— **Basavaraju S. Kallusakkare**

Ugadi gift: State Govt. staff get 2.75 percent hike in DA

Bengaluru, Mar. 29- As a *Ugadi* gift to lakhs of State Government employees, the JD(S)-Congress Coalition Government headed by H.D. Kumaraswamy has hiked the DA (Dearness Allowance) by 2.75 percent.

According to an order issued in this regard on Thursday, the hike will be in retrospective effect from Jan. 1, 2019.

The hike from the existing 3.75 percent to 6.5 percent, will benefit over 8.5 lakh State Government employees.

The State Government's announcement on DA hike comes weeks after the Union Government hiked the DA of its employees.

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Five arrested for storing huge quantity of explosives at a house in Kushalnagar

Mysuru, Mar. 29 (KS)- Kushalnagar Rural Police, who raided a house at Kushalnagar in Kodagu, have arrested five persons for storing explosives illegally and have seized a large quantity of explosives from the house.

The explosives were seized during a raid carried out on a house in Sundaranagar on Wednesday night. Following a tip off, the raid was conducted on a house belonging to one Manju following which 21 electronic detonators, 200 non electronic detonators, 239 ammonium nitrate tubes, 25 kg calcium hydroxide and 14 safety fuses were seized. The Police were accompanied by the Bomb Disposal Squad during the raid.

The arrested are 37-year-old R. Manju and 45-year-old Kubera of Sundaranagar, 33-year-old Mani of Basaveshwara Layout, 31-year-old K.R. Ravi of Baichanahalli and 54-year-old Rizwan Ahmed of Bettadapura.

The explosives seized were capable of causing massive destruction and the motive behind stocking such a large quantity is being probed.

Kushalnagar Rural Police, who have registered cases against the accused, produced them before a Court, which remanded them to judicial custody.

Kushalnagar Sub-Inspector Jagadish, Madikeri Rural Inspector Rachappa, Probationary SI Archana, Special Crime Detection Squad's Dayanand, Saji, Suresh and Bomb Disposal Squad personnel, took part in the operation.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Mar.29 (KS)- The Mysuru Railway Police, on Mar. 25, have found a body of an unidentified man between Naganahalli and MNGT Railway Stations and have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary.

The deceased is aged about 50 years, 5 ft. tall, round faced, dark complexioned, normal built, and was wearing a maroon striped full arm shirt and black pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579, according to a press release from the Sub-Inspector, Mysuru Railway Police Station.

SAD DEMISE

K CHANDRASHEKAR HEGDE
(Age 84 Years)
Founder, Hotel Santhosh, Chandraguptha Road, Mysuru
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Hotel Samrat, Irwin Road, Mysore
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K Chandrashekar Hegde left for his heavenly abode on 29th March, 2019
You live on in our hearts and thoughts forever.
Deeply mourned by:
Wife, Sons & Daughter in laws, Daughters & Son in laws Grand Childrens and Family members

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Discouraging Useless Research

It has been reported that the Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry has recently issued an advisory to Central Universities in the country to discourage research scholars from selecting pointless topics as research subjects. It has done this in response to the concern expressed at a recent meeting in Delhi by the Vice-Chancellors of many Universities over the irrelevant research that is now being done in our country which has no real relevance to our needs as a vibrant nation. This advisory that all research done in our country should be relevant to our national priorities has already received much criticism from some quarters as it has been seen as a restriction on the freedom of our scholars to select subjects of their choice for research.

Until not very long ago the main purpose of all research used to be to find out not just what was unknown to us but also to discover ways and means of making our lives better and safer. That was the time when only the most serious-minded few amongst the members of our teaching profession opted to enter the field of research, digressing from the straight and most commonly trod path that led to a modest livelihood. And, most notably, that was long before Ph.Ds became mandatory for college and University teachers to stay and rise in their hallowed ranks and become eligible for perks and promotions.

With this stipulation, the Ph.D became the most preferred and sought after decoration on any college teacher's job application or calling card. And, with this sudden and almost astronomical leap in the demand for Ph.Ds most research centres in our country have now literally become mills that churn out 'Doctorates' each passing day. It is an open secret that Ph.Ds are being sold and bought these days in what has now become a very big business. So is the case with many post-graduate degrees in almost all fields both professional and non-professional.

I will not delve into this matter here as doing so is pointless. **We all know very well that the agencies that should look into this racket are themselves an integral and inseparable part of it!** It is no surprise that many of the topics on which our scholars do their research just to adorn themselves with a Ph.D do not seem to have any real relevance or purpose beyond making themselves eligible to remain in their jobs. That is why we are seeing such a sharp and noticeable increase in our newspapers of announcements of Ph.D awardees with their photographs too.

Over the past few years I have made it a point to look closely at the topics on which these neo-scholars have been losing their sleep only to find to my dismay that most of them have no relevance to anything that can make our college teachers wiser or their students more learned. **The fact that their efforts and all our money that goes into their research does not seem capable of making our lives any better can be excused here as an act of courtesy just to keep our education system alive!**

Real research should be really serious business. It should involve some carefully conducted study under the constant supervision of a very learned guide. The data collected for it and the conclusions drawn from it should be capable of standing scrutiny by academic agencies of international standards which should be able to feel that the right conclusions have been drawn about a useful topic. In our country, as things stand today, what is called research is not research at all. Very often it only involves reaching out for some offbeat topic and registering to do research on it just to arm oneself with a Ph.D that can make life as a college teacher smooth and hurdle-free. Much of the material that makes up the thesis or dissertation is simply plagiarised which is all the more easy in this cut and paste era!

Therefore, unlike in the past, today to guide a Ph.D aspirant a guide too does not have to be very knowledgeable or hard-working. Having a guide is now only a technical necessity as the topics chosen are not just simple but very often outright silly. **If you look closely you'll be horrified to find that most of the topics on which research is being done these days at the University-level and for which Ph.Ds are being granted left, right and centre, actually seem like essay topics for high-school children!** I find people spending years of their time and tons of our money on conducting research on topics as silly as the impact of a film-star on his or her fan-following or on the ten best tourist spots of our State. A fan of some politician decides to find out the impact of his or her leader's 'generosity' in changing the lives of the poor in our society. Nothing is said about the funds coming only from the tax-payers' pockets !

Another so-called scholar decides to do research on how an obscure author handles gender issues in his or her book. I wonder where the need is to spend so much time and money on something that can be found out by anyone interested in the matter simply by reading the works of that author? Where is the need for a person to register for a Ph.D and for the University to appoint a guide to conduct research at great cost on the matter for three to five years only to convey their conclusions to a public that is just not interested in who they are talking about?

Very often a student picks up a very hypothetical issue like what would have happened if Tipu Sultan had not met his end at the hands of British in the Fourth Mysore war? Can anything be sillier than this? When we all know that Tipu died in the fourth Mysore war what is the point and purpose in losing our sleep about how he would have fared in the fifth war which he never fought? **The few examples I have given here are all of topics on which research is being done or has been done for which Ph.Ds have been awarded by our Universities. They are not a figment of my imagination.** Therefore, it is no surprise that our HRD Ministry has issued the advisory that all research should have some purpose. I only hope it is implemented in both letter and spirit. Only then the image and the well-being of our education system and the real purpose that it should serve will be met.

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CPWA Convention
at CFTRI from tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 29- **The CSIR Pensioners Welfare Association (CPWA),** Lucknow, an organisation of many centres across the country consisting of retirees of CSIR National Laboratories, annually meets either in Lucknow or in one of its centres for its AGBM and for deliberations on a given theme. The CPWA-2019 event is being organised by CPWA, Mysuru Centre on Mar. 30 and 31 at CFTRI campus. Apart from organisational meetings, CPWA-2019 has a theme Convention on Food and Wellness with special reference to senior citizens.

The programme will be inaugurated by Dr.K.S.M.S. Raghavarao, Director, CSIR-CFTRI on Mar.30 at 9.45 am, at the IFTTC Auditorium, CSIR-CFTRI Campus, Mysuru.

Three publications, namely the souvenir brought out by CPWA Mysuru Centre on Food and Wellness, Newsletter by CPWA (Hq) and a book on Health and Healthy Living are slated to be released on the occasion.

The souvenir brought out by CPWA, Mysuru centre, comprises highly relevant thematic articles on Superfoods, Yoga and nutrition, Healthy eating, Junk foods and making healthy choices, Millet foods, Street foods, Organic foods, Future of Indian food industry and Food allergy.

There will be seven seminar presentations on the theme with interactive sessions.

Dr. V. Prakash, former Director, CSIR-CFTRI, will deliver the keynote address on sustainable health and wellness while Dr.K.S.M.S Raghavarao gives a presentation on Science and Health.

The other thematic presentations are Dietary foods, Regulations for Health foods, Nutrition for seniors, Geriatric health problems and Role of probiotics, by subject experts in respective fields. The Convention is exclusively for the retiree members of CPWA and is being attended by 400 delegates. The programme will conclude on Mar. 31, according to a press release from the Chairperson, Media Committee, CPWA-2019.

Campus recruitment
204 students selected;
Rs.10.7 LPA highest salary

Mysuru, Mar.29- GSSS Institute of Engineering College for Women, Mysuru, has registered best placements for its 2019 outgoing batch even before four months left for the completion of placements season. The average salary offered for the placed students has seen a jump of 35% compared to last year and the number of companies visiting the campus has been doubled.

The placement season started during August 2018 and more than 52 companies have visited GSSSIETW campus recruiting 204 students with highest salary being offered as Rs. 10.7 LPA.

The highlight of this year placement season was participation of Premium recruiters like: VMware (10.7 LPA), Amazon (10 LPA), GE Digital (9 LPA), Applied Materials (8.4 LPA), Samsung R&D (7 LPA), INFORMATICA (6.95 LPA), ABB Ltd (6 LPA), UNISYS (5.3 LPA), JARO (5.16 LPA), SIEMENS (5 LPA).

Along with it, some of the top recruiters from across different sectors that participated in recruitment were: L&T, TCS, Infosys, Wipro, IBM, HCL, BLP, Mindtree, Aricent, CGI, BLP, SLK Software, Mphasis , SUBEX and many more.

In the next 4 months of placement season, the College is expecting another 15+ companies to visit the campus and the placements for 2019 batch is expected to cross 300 which would be a landmark.

Adoption of Zoo animals and birds

Mysuru, Mar. 29- The following animals and birds of Mysuru Zoo have been adopted by Lunar Exports Private Ltd, Mysuru, for a period of one year from 27.3.2019 to 26.3.2020 by making a payment of Rs.10 lakh: Asiatic Elephant - Rs.1,75,000, African Elephant - Rs. 1,75,000, Asiatic Lion - Rs. 1,00,000, White Tiger - Rs. 1,00,000, Bengal Tiger - Rs. 1,00,000, Giraffe - Rs. 1,00,000, Chimpanzee - Rs. 75,000, Indian Rhinoceros - Rs. 75,000, Cheetah - Rs. 50,000, Indian Leopard - Rs. 35,000, Black Necked Swan - Rs. 15,000. Mysuru Zoo, has in a press release, expressed its gratitude to Basatian Joseph, MD and Sreekanth Rao, General Manager, Lunar Exports.

Silk festival & Crafts expo at JSS Urban Haat

Ugadi is round the corner. It is a season of festivities and a season of joy. To add more joy to the season, JSS Urban Haat is holding a silk festival and crafts exhibition between Mar. 22 and Mar. 31 at its premises, # Plot No. 432, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru.

The exhibition is open to public between 10 am and 9 pm daily.

The exhibition showcases exclusive range of silk from Rajasthan, West Bengal, Gujarat, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

Not just that, there is also a range of Khadi sarees and dresses. A must have in the wardrobe for the sultry summer.

The sarees and dresses on display are the art work of select craftsmen of India and the exhibition showcases the fine craftsmanship of Indian clothing.

Kala Vaibhava art exhibition showcases some of the finest articrafts from select artisans across the country. An excellent platform for shopping enthusiasts to explore the world of hand crafted articles.

In addition, a large section of clay decorative lamps, small lanterns, goddesses, decorative objects, Buddha, Ganapati, elephant made of clay, clay horses are on display.

The exhibition also has a large section of bamboo and cane artefacts. There is a collection of vases, swords, lamp holders, mobile stands, flower baskets and bamboo ornaments.

There are over 100 stores in the fair, including grocery stores, snacks, cuisine stalls, various jewellery stores, leather shoes, comfortable and luxurious furniture, jute bags, toys and wooden carvings in the exhibition.

Entry and parking for visitors to the expo is free. For details call Mob: 9686677232 or 9844550845.

Fashion Storei comes to city

Mysuru, Mar. 29 - FASHION STOREI has come to Mysuru again with its 51st edition of the three-day exhibition-cum-sale *"Vivaha Vastra Abharana"* at Hotel Southern Star, Vinobha Road, from Mar. 28 to 30 between 10.30 am and 9 pm.

In all, 24 top leading brands from the finest house of Manufacturers, Distributors, Retailers across India are offering their best collections under a single roof. The patrons can choose many Lifestyle Products which is being introduced for the first time in Mysuru.

Breathtaking range of exquisite Fashion Jewellery, Contemporary jewellery, Bridal silk & work Sarees, Kanchivaram Sarees, Designer Sarees, Wedding Gowns, Wedding Ghagras, Kurtis, Designer Lehangas, Pakisthani suits, Designer suits, Anarkalis, Kurtis, Western wear, Dress Materials, Home Décors, Home Accessories, Living Furniture, Sofa Sets, Dining Furniture, Ladies Accessories and many more will be available under one roof. Showcasing the rich legacy of traditional Indian craftsmanship that is blended into innovative designs, "Vivaha Vastra Abharana" gives buyers an opportunity to discover the finest in Indian traditions and artistic finish in perfect synchrony with modern designs and contemporary colours.

Expo dates have been chosen to allow visitors to have ideas about current market trends and just before the onset of festival and marriage season.

"Mrs. India Universe" winner Dr. Hemamalini Lakshman is seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate "Vivaha Vastra Abharana" expo at Hotel Southern Star in city yesterday. Others seen are designer Jayanthi Balal, Manju Mahesh Karna, Poornima Mallaya, Nisha Shah, Archana Koppal, Swetha Gopal, Ravi and Ashok.

Line block: Train services regulated

Mysuru, Mar. 29 - The following trains will be short terminated, originate and regulated due to Line Block for repair works of damaged washable apron at Mysuru Railway Station yard for a period of 32 days from Mar.30 to Apr.30, 2019: **1.** Train No.56269 Shivamogga Town- Mysuru passenger journey commencing from 30.3.2019 to 30.4.2019 will be short terminated at Belagula Railway Station; **2.** Train No.56268 Mysuru-Arsikere passenger journey commencing from 30.3.2019 to 30.4.2019 will originate from Belagula Railway Station instead of Mysuru.

3. Train No.56207 Chamarajanagar - Mysuru Passenger journey commencing from 30.3.2019 to 30.4.2019 will be regulated for 40 minutes at Ashokapuram Railway Station; **4.** Train No.56265 Arsikere - Mysuru passenger (30.3.2019 to 30.4.2019) will be short terminated at Belagula Railway Station; **5.** Train No.56263 Mysuru-KSR Bengaluru City passenger (30.3.2019 to 30.4.2019) will be rescheduled by 60 minutes ex-Mysuru.

5,627 candidates pass K-SET 2018 exam

Results to be announced online tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 29 (NNN)- A total of 5,627 candidates have cleared the seventh Karnataka State Eligibility Test (K-SET) that was held on Dec.30, 2018. The results of this much-awaited test will be announced tomorrow (Mar.30) online on the website *http:kset.unimysore.ac.in.*

The examination was held strictly as per the guidelines of University Grants Commission (UGC) which accredited the University of Mysore (UoM) as the nodal agency for conducting the K-SET.

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, addressing a press conference at the Crawford Hall here yesterday, said that out of a total of 94,840 candidates registered for the K-SET-2018 examination, 80,758 candidates appeared for the examination out of whom 36,346 were male and 44,412 female. Among them 75,140 have failed to clear the examination, he added.

Of the 5,627 candidates (pass percentage 6.96 per cent) who have cleared the examination 3,154 are male and 2,473 female. The list also includes 113 candidates who have cleared the exam under PWD (Person with Disability) quota, the VC said.

UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar addressing a press conference about K-SET exam at Crawford Hall in city yesterday as (from left) UoM Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan, Co-ordinator Prof. H. Rajashekar and Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi look on.

The candidates who have passed this exam will be eligible to be appointed as Assistant Professors in Universities and degree colleges in the State and the certificates issued by this centre are having life-time validity, he added.

Candidates from the Commerce stream had the maximum number of eligible candidates with 791 followed by Kannada with 627.

Among the 11 centres, Bengaluru had the highest pass percentage with 9.68 per cent followed by Mangaluru with 8.91 per cent. **Mysuru stood third with 7.26 per cent,** while Kalaburagi stood last at 4.40 per cent, he said.

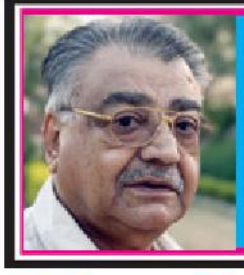
Out of the 39 candidates who wrote the Criminology exam, seven passed (17.94 pc) and it stands first, while out of 4,852 who wrote the Mathematics exams only 88 students (1.81 pc) passed and it stands last.

Two third gender candidates had also appeared for the exam. While one of them was absent, the other failed to clear the test.

The three-year accreditation of the University awarded by UGC ended in December 2018. Now, we are planning to apply for a permanent accreditation this time, said Prof. Hemantha Kumar.

Maulya Bhavan (wrongly named, it should have been Maulya Mapana Bhavan) was constructed for management of K-SET exams and there are all necessary infrastructure in place. Hence University of Mysore must get permanent accreditation, said K-SET coordinator Prof. H. Rajashekar.

UoM Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi and Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan were present at the press meet.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Musings on Leadership & Mission Shakti

PM Modi, Dronacharya for Arjunas of DRDO

Last Wednesday evening, I had a special request from industrialist and Wellness Guru Dr. B.R. Pai of Vijay Wires to attend a lecture and workshop titled ***"Leadership 4.0"*** **by Prof. Debashis Chatterjee,** Director of IIM, Kozhikode, Kerala. Having heard another Management Guru Gaur Gopal Das, only a few days ago at the KSOU Hall, I thought if I was going into a diminishing-return syndrome listening to another similar lecture or talk. I was not disappointed because the environment and the ambience here at the Radisson Blu Hotel was totally different from what it was at the massive KSOU Convocation Hall.

It was intended to help those who wish to become top class potential leaders of corporates, who could navigate through rough high seas of competition and create values for their products or companies in the changing world. After listening to this Management Guru, I realised he was trying to help the business leaders, who are engaged in ruthless competition among themselves to beat each other even when there is no competition among companies.

Wednesday was also the day when India accomplished what it called **"Mission Shakti"** by knocking off its own live satellite in orbit at a height of 300 kms. A successful test firing. We are proud. The pride comes from the fact that only three other nations — the US, Russia and China — have this technology which will enable the country to protect its satellites and space in times of war.

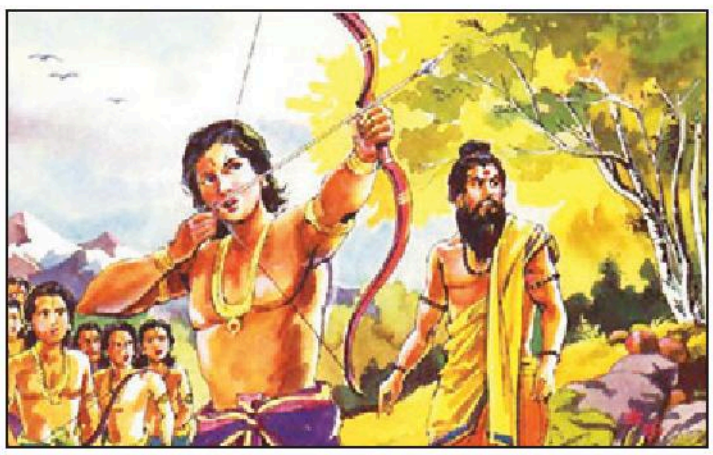
Naturally, any Prime Minister of a country that has taken a quantum leap in Missile Technology of this kind would take pride in announcing it to the Nation himself. That is what our Prime Minister did when he announced it to the Nation through TV channels and All India Radio (AIR).

Not surprisingly, the "Pseudo-Secular and the Liberal" Opposition parties did not like Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself announcing this achievement apparently fearing that the BJP and Modi would get the credit in this election season. But, Modi was only acting as a messenger carrying the 'glad tidings' of an extraordinary achievement giving credit to the scientists and technicians of DRDO. In today's India where Opposition's jealousy (of Modi) wears the mask of righteousness, Prime Minister Modi needs to deal carefully with the mystery of human nature.

Prof. Debashis Chatterjee

Narendra Modi, PM

Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy, DRDO Chief



Arjuna and Dronacharya

It is said in the Bible that *"No prophet is honoured in his own country."* Therefore, I was not surprised. Prime Minister Modi, a reformer and a game-changer for the long-term, all-round development of the country, will be questioned of his intentions in bringing these changes. Which is why even his policies and decisions look like **bitter medicine** for the country's nearly 60 years of neglect and malady.

People like Rahul Gandhi and other Opposition leaders criticise Modi's universally acknowledged achievements. For Wednesday's satellite strike Rahul Gandhi gave a left-handed compliment. Look at the message Rahul Gandhi sent out after "Mission Shakti" was accomplished. His message to DRDO, responsible for the achievement, was so casual like a congratulatory message sent to a student who has passed SSLC.

It said: *"Well done DRDO, extremely proud of your work."* And, of course, he did not forget the Prime Minister. He said: *"I would also like to wish the Prime Minister a happy World Theatre Day."* Indeed by sheer coincidence, Wednesday the 27th March happened to be the World Theatre Day and Rahul Gandhi grabbed the opportunity. His message obviously suggested that Modi himself announcing the achievement was nothing but a drama, specially in this Parliamentary election season. Sarcasm?

According to **DRDO Chief Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy,** it was a "technologically complex mission" kept a tightly guarded secret known only to a small group up to the day of the launch.

In this kind of achievement in the field of Science and Technology, whether for the purpose of defence, industry or infrastructure, the bottom line is the LEADERSHIP of which Prof. Debashis Chatterjee was speaking about.

Take for example, the case of the manufacturer of Medium and Heavy Commercial Vehicles and Buses in 'volume terms' of Ashok Leyland in Chennai. It seems there was a six-year-old poster in the Office of its MD stating the "company's vision" to be in the global **top ten** in Medium and Heavy Commercial Vehicles and global **top five** in Buses. At the bottom of the poster was written by hand **"Mission Accomplished,"** signed by the MD Vinod K. Dasari, dated Jan. 10, 2019. It means under the leadership of Vinod Dasari, a difficult vision set out for the company was accomplished within a short period of six years. Probably, that was the kind of leadership Prof. Debashis Chatterjee was talking about.

According to **former DRDO Chief Dr. Avinash Chander,** himself a missile man who gave India the Long Range Anti-Ballistic Missile Programme, the present "Satellite Killer Mission Shakti" **project was initiated recently,** apparently under Modi's initiative, and was significantly different.

These achievements by our leaders in the field of Science and Technology clearly suggest that we have men and women who are capable of delivering the country's requirements in the field of defence, industry and infrastructure that are world class. **Sadly our rulers were not LEADERS. They had their own reason to ensure that PSUs like HAL and HMT did not deliver.** Let it be. Today we have many brilliant Indians who have left this country under compulsion to work in Europe and America and are contributing for the development of those countries.

After 70 years of independence, it is a disgrace for our country, with such brilliant human resource, to remain backward compared to South-East Asian countries. **A paradigm shift in policy and vision for the country's future is an imperative. No use denouncing each other as Communalist, Secularist, Casteist, Nationalist, Hindutvawadis, so on and so forth, thus inhibiting emergence of futuristic ideas for the development of the country.**

Be that as it may, according to Prof. Debashis Chatterjee, role models for becoming a successful manager or a leader of an organisation, industry or even a country is found in our epic *Mahabharata.*

He mentions of an episode wherein Arjuna was declared a **supreme human talent,** hence possessing a **super leadership quality.** His power came from *Ekagrata* — Single Pointed Concentration without any distraction. The episode relates to Arjuna's Guru in warfare Dronacharya, giving him a test in archery. A wooden bird was hoisted on a tree. Dronacharya asked Arjuna showing him the tree, "Do you see the tree?"

Arjuna says, "No."

Dronacharya then asks Arjuna, "Do you then see the bird?"

"No" says Arjuna.

"What do you see then?" asks Dronacharya.

Arjuna replies, "I can see only the eye of the bird and nothing else."

"Now release the arrow," Dronacharya commanded.

Everyone who stood there saw Arjuna's arrow hit the bird's eye.

Our Scientists of DRDO who successfully accomplished "Mission Shakti", in my opinion, are all Arjunas in the 21st century India. May I say Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the Dronacharya for all these Scientists?

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LS poll: Two candidates withdraw nominations

Mysuru, Mar. 29 (RK&DM)- With the deadline for withdrawal of nominations in respect of 14 Lok Sabha seats in the Southern part of the State ending at 3 pm this afternoon, two candidates who had filed their nomination papers from Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat, withdrew their nomination by 12.30 pm here at the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, who is also the District Returning Officer.

P.S. Yedurappa of Periyapatna and M. Khalil of Mysuru, who had filed their nomination as independent candidates were the ones who withdrew from the contest.

The Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat saw 30 candidates file a total of 50 set of nomination papers, before the deadline on Mar. 26.

The scrutiny of nomination papers was taken up on Mar. 27, when the nomination papers of five independent candidates were rejected on various grounds. This left 25 candidates in the fray and it remains to be seen whether more number of independents will withdraw from the contest by 3 pm deadline.

Mysuru-Kodagu and 13 other LS seats in the Southern half of the State will go to the polls on Apr. 18 in the first phase of polling, while 14 other LS seats will go to the polls on Apr. 23. The counting of all the 543 Lok Sabha seats will take place on May 23.

Meanwhile, the Election Commission of India will allot the symbols to all the independent candidates who remain in the fray after the 3 pm deadline today.

The battle is between renominated sitting MP Pratap Simha and JD(S)-Congress Coalition candidate C.H. Vijayshankar of the Congress. The BSP has nominated Dr. B. Chandra from the seat.

I-T raids: Ramdas demands CM's resignation

Mysuru, Mar. 29(RKB&SR)- Condemning coalition partners Congress and JD(S) for taking to streets over yesterday's I-T raids, BJP MLA S.A. Ramdas has demanded the resignation of Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy for not allowing I-T officials to discharge their duties properly and for misusing his official powers.

Addressing reporters at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here this morning, he said I-T officials carry out such raids, search and seizure operations on tax evaders and it is a routine process. "Being the head of the State, the CM should allow officials to discharge their duties as per law instead of blaming and allegedly threatening them with dire consequences," he said.

"It is the same Kumaraswamy who defended raids on Sandalwood stars Yash, Punith Rajkumar, Sudeep, and others in January this year. He had then termed the raids as routine exercise and now he is showing double standards by politicising the issue," he said.

He said that the CM had taken oath of secrecy to protect law of land besides to protect the official secrets as per Article 164 of Indian Constitution. "In this case, the CM misused his power and obstructed officials from discharging their duties and even threatened them," he charged. Ramdas further said that his party had already filed a complaint against CM with Election Commission for obstructing official duty.

District-level workshop on female foeticide held

Principal District and Sessions Court Judge S.K. Vantigodi is seen addressing the gathering at the District-level workshop held at Rajendra Bhavan in JSS Hospital premises here this morning as others look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 29 (RKB&NNN)- "The slogan *Beti Bacaho, Beti Padao* is a very important one and it is coined to create awareness about the importance of saving girl child," said Principal District and Sessions Court Judge S.K. Vantigodi.

He was speaking after inaugurating a District-level workshop on prenatal, postnatal and female infanticide issues, jointly organised by District Administration, District Health Office and Zilla Panchayat at Rajendra Bhavan in JSS Hospital premises here this morning.

Considering this problem, the Government passed the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act (PNDT) in 1994. This law was again amended due to various reasons, and it finally became Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) (PCPNDT) Act in 2004. Its main goal was prevention and punishment of prenatal sex determination and female foeticide, he said.

Workshops like this would go a long way in tackling such grave issues as aborting female foetus is illegal and those involved in it will be sentenced to three years in jail, he added.

District Legal Services Authority Member-Secretary B.P. Devamane, Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer K. Jyothi, DHO Dr. R. Venkatesh and others were present. Nearly 150 people including doctors, health officers and staff nurses participated in the workshop.

Tumakuru MP to withdraw nomination on last day today

Tumakuru, Mar.29- Abiding by party diktat, Congress rebel candidate and sitting MP **S.P. Muddahanumegowda,** who had filed his papers from Tumakuru Parliamentary constituency, will withdraw his nomination papers today, the last day for withdrawal of papers. Even former Congress MLA K.N. Rajanna who had filed papers as independent was set to take back his papers.

Muddahanumegowda was upset over high command decision of ceding the ticket to JD(S). Former PM H.D. Deve Gowda will fight now as a coalition candidate against BJP's G.S. Basavaraju. Congress leaders including former CM Siddharamaiah, Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara had made all efforts to convince Muddahanumegowda till the last minute.

BJP announces three more candidates for Apr. 23 polls

New Delhi, Mar.29- The BJP this afternoon announced its candidates for the three remaining Lok Sabha seats in the State.

While the party has re-nominated its sitting MP Sanganna Karadi from Koppal, the party has fielded Anna Saheb Jolle for Chikkodi seat and Raja Amaresh Nayak from Raichur.

The three seats will go to the polls along with 11 other LS seats from the northern half of the State on Apr. 23.

Cong.-JD(S) hold joint meet in city

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"As GTD is the Higher Education Minister he has to attend the events. GTD has promised to return to Mysuru on Friday (today) and begin campaigning for Vijayshankar from Saturday," Murthy told reporters.

'Coordination will pick up pace'

Congress Legislature Party leader Siddharamaiah said that both Congress and the JD(S) will achieve coordination and will together fight the Lok Sabha election. "Coordination is not instant and it can be achieved in a slow process with efforts from both sides. It is not the question of JD(S) workers voting for BJP and Congress workers voting for BJP. Both Congress and JD(S) have decided to go together in the election and they will be together," he said.

Speaking to reporters at Mysore Airport this morning, Siddharamaiah said that he does not oppose Income Tax raids but the way in which the Department is 'misused' is bad for democracy. "Raids during elections are politically motivated to create a fear psychosis among parties and the BJP is using I-T wing as its own party agency," he charged.

Why BJP leaders are spared?

Siddharamaiah questioned, "If the raids are not politically motivated, then why only Congress and JD(S) leaders and supporters are being raided? Why are BJP leaders like B.S. Yeddyurappa and Eshwarappa spared? They had promised Rs. 25 crore for our MLAs who defect to BJP. Even they should be raided. Eshwarappa had a currency note counting machine in his house. Why is he being shielded?"

On electoral canvassing, Siddharamaiah said that he will campaign in all 28 Parliamentary constituencies in Karnataka. "I will seek votes for Congress and JD(S) joint candidates and wherever Congress and JD(S) are fighting based on seat-sharing. Who are star campaigners? All of us are star campaigners. Actors do not wear a star badge on their forehead," the former CM said.

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BEFORE THE MOTOR ACCIDENT CLAIMS TRIBUNAL, TIRUR, KERALA

OP (M.V) No. 158/2016

Sibu mol & others } Petitioner

M. Chinnaiah S/o Obiah, aged 64 years } Respondent No.2

No. 1203 B.K. Mitra, Devaraja Mohalla, Mysore, Mysore District, 571118.

Summons for Respondent No.2

Whereas the petitioner here in has filed the above OPMV No. 158/2016. The above mentioned respondent No.2, is directed to appear in person or through an advocate on 10-04-2019 at 11am before the Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal, Tirur. Take notice that case of default the above case will be heard and determined in your absence.

Sd/- K.P. Mohamed Shafi
Advocate & Notary (Govt. of India)
(K 931/99)
Ponnani, Mallappuram (Dt)
Date: 27.03.2019

NSS camp at Hirikyathanahalli village

Mysuru, Mar. 29- NSS and Red Cross Youth Wing of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, had organised a two-day NSS camp in the Hirikyathanahalli village, Hunsur Taluk recently.

National Service Scheme (NSS) is a voluntary association of young people in colleges working for campus-community linkage and aimed at developing students' personality through community service.

VVCE has adopted Hirikyathanahalli village under the Central Government's 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan' (UBA) scheme and NSS wing of VVCE looks after the UBA activities and their implementation. The Mission of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is to enable higher educational institutions to work with the people of rural India in identifying development challenges and evolving appropriate solutions for accelerating sustainable growth.

It also aims to create a virtuous cycle between society and an inclusive academic system by providing knowledge and practices for emerging professions and to upgrade the capabilities of both the public and the private sectors in responding to the development needs of rural India.

The NSS student volunteers planned meticulously for the two-day camp by visiting the village twice prior to the camp. Demographic survey of the village was done in the first visit and an outreach programme was conducted during the second visit.

Many activities like tree plantation, Shramadhan (cleanliness drive), creating awareness through skits about ill-effects of dowry, smoking, alcohol consumption and plastic usage were done on the first day.

The villagers were also briefed about various Central and State Government schemes which they can benefit from. The students of Venugopal Education Trust (a Government aided school) in the village were taught about basic usage of computers. Health and dental check-up were also organised on the second day for all the villagers.

Doctors of St. Joseph's Hospital, Mysuru, volunteered for the health and dental check-up. A team of 46 members comprising 37 student volunteers and 9 faculty members of VVCE, under the guidance of Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal of VVCE, were involved in the camp activities.

Prof. K. Gopala Reddy was the Faculty Coordinator and A.R. Abhishek and Bharath Yogendra were student coordinators of NSS and Red Cross Youth Wing of VVCE.

Kannada Action Committee

stand on English medium opposed

Mysuru, Mar.29 (MTY&NNN)- The stand of Kannada Action Committee (Kannada Kriya Samithi) to oppose the move of State Government to introduce English medium section in 1,000 Government Schools should be taken back, urged Dalit Sangarsha Samithi (DSS) District Convenor Choranahalli Shivanna.

Addressing a press conference at Patrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, he said that in the present competitive world learning of English has gained primary importance. To shape one's life English language has become inevitable. However, only those who are economically empowered till now are studying in English medium and reaping all the benefits.

It is sad to note that the poor, middle class and Dalit community children are forced to study in Kannada medium and thus have remained backward in all areas. Hence, the move of the State Government to start English medium sections in Government Schools is a step in the right direction and it must be welcomed. However, the Kannada Action Committee leaders have held meetings recently opposing this step of the Government. This is condemnable, he said and added that they should review their decision.

Realising that learning of English is very important many rural folks are migrating to urban areas to put their wards in English medium schools and their number is increasing. But those who are opposing this must release a list revealing in which schools their children are studying. And, if their stand is that there should only be Kannada medium schools everywhere, then a rule must be made that those who study in such schools will be provided with a Government job compulsorily, urged Shivanna.

K.V. Devendra Mahadevaiah, Uma Mahadev, Moodalli Mahadeva, T.M. Govindaraju and Kallahalli Kumar were present at the press meet.

"Maintaining quality of education essential in today's competitive age"

Prof. S. R. Niranjana, Vice-Chancellor, Gulbarga University, speaking at the valedictory of Yuvaraja College's Extracurricular Activities on Wednesday as others look on.

Mysuru, Mar.29- "Maintaining quality of education in today's competitive age and flourishing technology is very essential," opined Prof. S. R. Niranjana, Vice-Chancellor of Gulbarga University.

He was speaking at the valedictory of Yuvaraja College's 2018-19 Jnanavahini Extracurricular Activity, NSS and Sports Day held in city on Wednesday.

Today, in all the Universities, emphasis is being given to quality education, which is very much essential in the current situation. One cannot lead a decent life without education. Therefore, education plays a vital role in everyone's life, he said.

In higher education, study subjects have expanded in terms of diversity whereas 20 years ago only Botany and Zoology were taken as subjects. There is such a scenario now where different dimensions of source subjects have become separate subjects. In this context, it is essential to have at least minimum knowledge about most of the subjects. In our country, there are 950 Universities providing education out of which 370 are State-owned Universities and 50,000 degree colleges. Still the number of students taking up higher education is less and not satisfactory, the VC regretted.

On the occasion, prizes were distributed to students who excelled in extracurricular activities, NSS and Sports Day. International Sportsperson Arjun Devaiah was the chief guest.

Dr. M. Rudraiah, Principal, Yuvaraja's College presided. Dr. H. C. Devarajegowda, Administrative Officer, Dr. H. B. Mahesh, Controller of Exams, Dr. K. Sowbhagyavathi, Coordinator, Jnanavahini Extracurricular Activity, Dr. Satish Bhat Shankar, Programme Officer, NSS, Kantharaj, Sports Secretary, Department of Physical Education and others were present.

Udbur village adopted

Mysuru, Mar. 29 - Vidya Vikas First Grade College (VVFGC) and Post Graduate Department of Social Work adopted Udbur village, Jayapura Hobli, with a population of 14,000 people for the Annual NSS and Social Service Camp.

The inaugural ceremony was held recently at Udbur Government School premises. Principal of VVFGC Dr. Mujeeda Banu, who is also the Director of the Camp, inaugurated. Prof. Dr. Michael Noronha, Director-Academics, Vidya Vikas Institute of Management Studies, congratulated the students for doing social service at a young age and called upon them to work with zeal, commitment, dedication and pride.

He said as "Ambassadors of the College" they should help people by creating awareness on Swachh Bharat and avoid evil effects of substance abuse. Highlighting the role of education in economic development, he said that it was an opportunity to learn and practice a disciplined schedule. As part of the camp, people were made aware about personality development, prevention of alcohol and drugs consumption, prevention of fire accidents at home and protection of children and women.

Navyashree welcomed. Dr. Mohan Monterio, Dean-Academics, MBA Department, Prof. Basheer Ahmed, Academic Coordinator, Oscar Abhishek, HoD, UG Department of Commerce and Management, Dr. Sharath, HoD, PG Department of Mathematics, Camp Coordinators Kumar and Jai Santosh Naik were present. Dr. V.S.T. Krishna, HoD, PG Department of Social Work, proposed a vote of thanks.

Mumbai Indians score thrilling win over Royal Challengers

Bengaluru, Mar. 29- Mumbai Indians (MI) helped by some superlative bowling by Jasprit Bumrah came back to register a thrilling six-run win over Royal Challengers, Bangalore (RCB) in a nerve-wracking match at the Chinnaswamy Stadium here last night.

The right-arm pacer scalped 3 for 20 and was able to overshadow AB de Villiers' masterclass to help Mumbai claim a thrilling six-run victory. The match, however, ended on a controversial note — with seven needed off the final ball, Lasith Malinga overstepped but Umpire S. Ravi didn't pick it, leaving the entire RCB team in disbelief.

Earlier, all of Mumbai's top-four batsmen got starts but couldn't convert those cameos into something big. They slumped from 142 for 3 to 147 for 7 with Yuzvendra Chahal (4 for 38) doing most of the damage. However, that's when Hardik Pandya walked out and slammed an unbeaten 32 in 14 deliveries to push Mumbai to 187 for 8 in their 20 overs.

In reply, de Villiers hammered an unbeaten 41-ball 70, decorated with four fours and six maximums, but it was still not enough as Mumbai rode on Bumrah and Malinga's brilliance to clinch two points.

Asked to bat, Mumbai needed a good start from their openers on a solid batting deck and that's exactly what they got from Rohit Sharma and Quinton de Kock. The two kept finding boundaries

Jasprit Bumrah picked 3 wickets by giving away 20 runs in 4 overs.

every over and got Mumbai past the 50-run mark by six overs.

Colin de Grandhomme dropped a simple catch of De Kock but the left-hander from South Africa failed to cash in, falling in the very next over for 23. Once the powerplay was done, Virat Kohli straightaway handed the ball to Chahal and the leggie breached de Kock's reverse sweep to clean him up.

Rohit and Suryakumar Yadav, however, kept the scoreboard moving but there was a clear drop in the scoring rate. Despite a couple of decent overs, Kohli knew the amount of damage Rohit can cause and brought in Umesh Yadav (2 for 26) for his second spell. The right-arm paceman kept bowling short and managed to force Rohit to miscue a pull shot. The Mumbai captain crafted eight fours and a six in his 33-ball 48.

Coming in at No. 4, Yuvraj Singh wasted no time and smoked Chahal for three consecutive sixes before mistiming one to long off in the fourth delivery, falling for 12-ball 23. Suryakumar went after Moeen Ali and de Grandhomme but just like other batsmen, failed to convert it into a big score. In his final over, Chahal first had Suryakumar caught at point for 24-ball 38 and then also got rid of Kieron Pollard (5) in the same over to register his second-best figures in the IPL.

Having lost all the other front-line batsmen, the burden of getting Mumbai over the 180-run mark fell on Hardik's shoulders and the flamboyant didn't disappoint. He went hard in the final two overs and tonked three huge sixes and two fours to not just spoil Saini (0 for 40) and Mohammed Siraj's (2 for 38) bowling figures, but also took his team to a par score.

Bangalore sent out Moeen (13) to open to provide them rapid start but the left-hander couldn't survive for long as he was run out after hitting a four and six in back-to-back deliveries. Coming in at No. 3, Kohli announced his arrival in style, smashing five fours in his first nine deliveries. The batting maestro took the attack to Bumrah and Hardik, and Rohit was forced to introduce a spinner in the sixth over.

That's when Parthiv Patel joined the party and welcomed Krunal with a four and six through the leg side. Just when it looked like the partnership was getting dangerous, Mayank Markande knocked Parthiv over for 22-ball 31. The 49-run stand came to an end when Bumrah returned to take his revenge and dismissed Kohli for a 32-ball 46 and brought Mumbai right back in the game. Needing 72 in the last six overs, the onus was on de Villiers to get Bangalore over the line and the South African went after Malinga, claiming 20 runs in 16 overs, to bring the equation down to 41 off 24 deliveries. While de Villiers was going berserk, he lacked support from the other end. De Villiers, however, kept going and smacked Hardik for 4, 6 and 6 in the 18th over, but Bumrah delivered an outstanding penultimate over, giving away just five runs.

With 17 to defend in the final over, Shivam Dube smashed the very first delivery for a six over long off, but Malinga made a stunning comeback and delivered five solid yorkers to make sure all Dube and de Villiers could manage were five singles. However, things would have ended on a different note if the Umpire had spotted that no ball.

Jasprit Bumrah was adjudged as the Man of the Match.

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Excels in Softball Championships

The men's softball team of The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, emerged Runners-Up in the VTU Inter-Collegiate Rest of Bengaluru Zone and 4th place in Inter-Zone Softball Championship 2018-19 organised by SJMIT, Chitradurga. Seen in the picture are (from left - sitting) D.R. Kushal, R. Kavya, Assistant Physical Education Director, Dr. K. Pushpalatha, Chairperson of NIE Sports Committee, Dr. R. Gopalakrishne Urs, Principal (in-Charge), Shankaranarayana, PE Director, N. Darshan (Captain), N. Sunil; (standing) Mudanuri Chaithanya Kumar, C.D. Chethan, M.G. Sandeep, Subhash, M.S. Devukumar, S. Hari Bhaskar, Vinod, Nishanth and S. Srinivas.

MDFA 'A' Division Football

Zafar, Yaseer shine in Cosmos FC's win

Mysuru, Mar. 29- Three strikes each by right-in Zafar and centre-forward Yaseer helped Cosmos FC to register a big 9-0 win over South Western Railway (S) FC in the MDFA 'A' Division football league 2018-19, for the Achutha Rao memorial trophy played at the University grounds here on Thursday.

RESULTS

Cosmos FC 9 (Zafar 10, 29, 67, Toufiq 11, Sufiyan 21, Yaseer 22, 33, 36, Saqib 56) bt South Western Railway (S) FC 0.

Wednesday's match: Chanakya Koota FC 2 (Swaroop 29, Shekhar 50) bt Kickers FC 0. **Tuesday's match:** Gandhinagar FC 3 (Charles 44, Sagar 52, Mangala 59) bt Rovers FC 1 (Manju 69).

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Coalition partners take to streets against I-T raids

Bengaluru, Mar. 29 (UNI)- Venting ire against the Income Tax Department that launched a series of raids over several business houses and persons allegedly supporting Congress and Janata Dal (S) in Karnataka, the two party's top leaders came to streets last afternoon and organised a major protest in front of the I-T Department Office in Bengaluru.

The leaders of the two parties, including Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara, KPCC President Dinesh Gundu Rao, Chairman of Co-ordination Committee of Coalition Government Siddharamaiah, and others, lashed out at the BJP Government at the Centre and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for orchestrating the I-T raids targeting the Opposition leaders ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

No political motive

The I-T Department, in a statement, however, said there was no political motive but only after credible inputs received against some of the businessmen who were seen avoiding paying taxes and it was not against any MPs, MLAs, or State Ministers. The I-T sleuths who took security from Central forces conducted raids in over 17 locations in Mandya, Hassan, Mysuru and Bengaluru since late on Wednesday night which continued till late last night.

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said it was deplorable to use government machinery, corrupt officials to harass opponents during election time. Congress leader in Lok Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge said the I-T raids on Opposition supporters was part of heinous agenda of the Modi government which wants to destroy Opposition parties and seriously damage the federal set up in the country.

Early warning to Modi

Former CM Siddharamaiah said the protest was to give an early warning to Modi. "This protest is attended by Karnataka CM, Ministers and top leaders. We have no objection if I-T officials conducting rids on hoarders of black money or amassing illegal assets. But it should not be politically motivated," he said.

Kumaraswamy said that the top leaders of the two parties took part in the 'symbolic' protest to protect the federal structure of the country which is under threat.

An intimidation tactic

However, BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa came down heavily against the ruling coalition leaders for protesting against the Central agency, in front of its office terming it as an intimidation tactic. "CM Kumaraswamy's tone and tenor against the I-T Department is a direct threat to the government agency. It also amounts to inciting the people to take law into their hands," he charged.

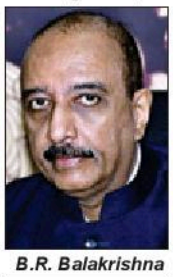
State BJP Yuva Morcha General Secretary B.Y. Vijayendra said that the JD(S)-Congress leaders and their supporters need not fear about raids if they don't have ill-gotten money. "Why do they fear if they are honest? They are protesting just to divert the attention of public from the real issue of corruption and politician-contractor-engineer nexus," Vijayendra said.

In a press release, he said that it was wrong on the part of JD(S) and Congress to blame PM Modi for the raids. "The Department is an independent wing and it is doing its duty. Moreover, why there is so much of fuss over the raids if they are clean-handed," he asked.

Top Income Tax Officer in the line of fire

No politician targeted in I-T raids, clarifies Department

Bengaluru, Mar. 29 (UNI)- B.R. Balakrishna, Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax and Director-General (Investigations), Karnataka and Goa, was the target of many barbs and allegations by politicians on Thursday.


B.R. Balakrishna

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy alleged Balakrishna was acting like "an agent of the BJP" and was promised a gubernatorial post after his retirement, prompting him to "selectively target" Opposition parties.

Balakrishna refused to personally respond to these allegations. However, in an official statement released by his office, he said, "The investigation wing of the Income Tax Department is committed to carrying out its functions in a professional manner in accordance with the provisions of law. We request the cooperation of all persons, including political parties. We also request that the activities of the department should not be politicised, personalised or trivialised".

The Income Tax Office, Karnataka and Goa area, clarified that it had conducted raids on residence, properties and offices of several contractors and connected persons. It is a routine raid after getting credible evidence on tax evasion and no residence or offices of Members of Parliament or Karnataka Legislature members were targeted.

The Department said while it is true that CRPF is being used for providing security, the said Central Armed Personnel were requisitioned from the State Police (ADGP) Law and Order following normal protocol and have not been flown in outside the State.

The investigation wing of the I-T Department has carried out searches on a wide range of professions and businesses including bureaucrats, breweries, MNCs, mining barons, diagnostic centres, trusts, educational institutions, medical colleges, real estate, fisheries and film industry including politically exposed persons.

All these searches have resulted in collecting credible evidence on tax evasion. The searches on politically exposed persons have covered their entire range of political spectrum, the statement said.

Did a cab driver alert JD(S) on Income Tax raids?

Bengaluru, Mar. 29- Did an alert cab driver, who found bookings of a large number of SUVs to Hassan, Mandya and Mysuru very unusual, tip off JD(S) leaders on likely tax raids?

In a video that is doing rounds in social media, a JD(S) women's wing leader from Mandya has claimed that she had alerted CM Kumaraswamy on Wednesday night about possible I-T raids on political leaders and associates of PWD Minister H.D. Revanna. She told the CM that her information was based on clues provided by a cab driver from Nagamangala near Mandya.

The woman, with her face covered in the video, said the driver worked in Bengaluru and got suspicious when a large number of SUVs booked to Hassan, Mandya and Shivamogga for Wednesday and Thursday. The driver, during a conversation with the woman, suspected that the vehicles had been booked to transport I-T officials to the destinations where the raids were planned.

"The cab driver called me (on Tuesday) and shared details about how many vehicles were booked, what time they would arrive at the airport, and where they were heading to," she said. She then tipped off Minister C.S. Puttaraju and other JD(S) leaders who passed on the information to the CM.

The CM told reporters in Mandya on Wednesday night that he had "received information that I-T personnel were preparing to swoop down on politicians" ahead of the LS polls. According to sources, the particular cab driver has been identified and the I-T officials are contemplating initiation of action against him.

Raid was planned months in advance, say I-T sources

Bengaluru, Mar. 29- The contractor-official-politician nexus and their dealings caught the attention of Income Tax (I-T) officials who led yesterday's simultaneous and coordinated raids. Certain tenders awarded in Mandya, Hassan and Ramanagaram in the last few months and technical approvals given to projects in the Irrigation and Public Works Departments are said to have come under the I-T scanner.

Highly placed sources said that it was not an operation conducted in a jiffy but a meticulous raid that was planned months ahead when the Government tenders were approved and money sanctioned. Crores of rupees were sanctioned to those projects that were still in nascent stage and work tenders were floated. The hurried manner in which money was sanctioned by officers to contractors raised suspicion in the I-T Department that later planned the raid, sources said.

During the 2018 Assembly elections, a *modus operandi* of making payments to Government contractors and then taking a cut in cash from them had been uncovered. The cash was then used to buy votes. The same pattern has been followed ahead of Lok Sabha elections too, sources said. The raids were conducted to cut the money supply chain.

Sources said that the I-T Department has been closely watching the publication of Government tenders in media since the last one year and there is a separate wing in the Department that scans such tenders and inspects the place where the works have been initiated.

The sleuths discovered that though many works were still under process, full money was sanctioned to the contractors by Government engineers and Department heads, raising suspicion, sources said.

Tax officials return Rs. 36,700 found during raids

Ashok

Chinakurali, Mar. 29- The Income Tax sleuths who conducted a raid on Minister C.S. Puttaraju's nephew Ashok at his house in Vijayanagar Third Stage in Mysuru have found Rs. 36,700.

"The officials came to my house at 5 am and searched the premises till 8 pm yesterday and found Rs. 36,700 and they have returned the cash to me," said Ashok.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Ashok, who is a Zilla Panchayat member in Mandya, said that the I-T officials questioned neither his mother nor wife and he was doing business within the legal framework.

"Everything is legal and I pay my taxes regularly and I have records of all the transactions. They raided my house as I am a JD(S) functionary. The officials have taken certain records including tax receipts and they have asked me to come to Mysuru on Monday," he said.

SC confirms life term for Saravana Bhavan owner in murder case

Rajagopal

New Delhi, Mar. 29- The owner of Saravana Bhavan chain of hotels, P. Rajagopal, has been ordered by the Supreme Court to surrender. The top court this morning upheld the conviction and life sentence of Rajagopal for the murder of an employee of Saravana Bhavan, who was working with the hotel group, in 2001.

Rajagopal, out on bail granted by the Supreme Court in 2009, has to surrender by July 7. Rajagopal had challenged the Madras High Court verdict, sentencing him to life for murdering an employee, Santhakumar. The hotel chain owner plotted the murder of Santhakumar, to marry his wife, the prosecution had argued.

The employee's body was found at Perumalmalai in the Kodaikanal forests. The case goes back to the 90s, when Rajagopal wanted to marry Jeevajothi, the daughter of an assistant manager at Saravana Bhavan's Chennai branch. Rajagopal, at that time already had two wives and Jeevajothi had objected to the marriage.

She married Santhakumar in 1999. The prosecution told the court that Rajagopal threatened the couple to call off the marriage. In 2001, Jeevajothi and Santhakumar filed a complaint with the Police, alleging that they were being threatened. Days after the couple went to the Police, Santhakumar was kidnapped and killed.

Saravana Bhavan, a well-known restaurant chain, has outlets in 20 countries including the US, the UK, France and Australia. There are 25 restaurants in India including in Delhi.

Mysore University employees undergo training in gender sensitisation

Mysuru, Mar. 29 (RK&DM)- A one-day training programme on 'Gender Sensitisation' for University of Mysore (UoM) employees was held at Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri this morning.

The event was jointly held by Women Studies Centre, UoM and UoM women employees.

Presiding over the programme, UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar highlighted on the need for maintaining gender equality in all fields.

Pointing out that today women are no more limited to home and domestic duties, the VC said that women are participating in greater numbers in several key sectors and different fields such as research, politics, science and technology, medicine etc.

Stressing on the need for ending gender discrimination, he stated that women should be given equal respect and the issue of gender equality was being discussed more these days.

Earlier, Karnataka Sanskrit University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Padma Shekar inaugurated the training programme.

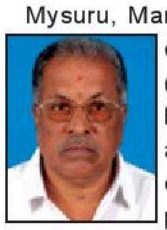
She also released a souvenir titled 'Janapada Mahilayaana' brought out by the Women Studies Centre on the occasion.

UoM Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi was the chief guest.

Prof. Preethi Srimandhar Kumar, Director, Women Studies Centre, UoM faculty Prof. Cherry Arokyaswamy, Prof. Jayalakshmi Seethapura and others were present. Gururaj from Bengaluru, Sumitra Acharya, Faculty, School of Law, Bengaluru, Dr. Christina Kantharaj, Advisor, ATI, Mysuru were the resource persons.

Obituary

K. Chandrashekar Hegde

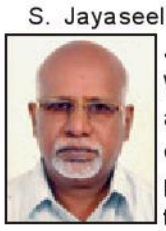


Mysuru, Mar. 29- K. Chandrashekar Hegde (84), proprietor of Hotel Santhosh and a resident of Yadavagiri, passed away this morning at a hospital in city following brief illness.

A recipient of 'Athithya Ratna' award given by Karnataka Pradesh Hotel and Restaurant Owners Association (KPHRA) in 2018, he leaves behind his wife, sons K.C. Vijay Kumar and K.C. Prasad, daughters Uma and Manjula and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed this afternoon at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam here, according to family sources.

S. Jayaseelan



S. Jayaseelan (61), former JD(S) Minority Wing President and a resident of Belavatha, passed away this morning at Chennai.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, son-in-law, grand children and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 pm at the Christian Cemetery at Belavatha here, according to family sources.

Manual Scavenging

Safai Karmachari Commission issues notice to MCC seeking explanation

Mysuru, Mar. 29 (KS)- The Karnataka Safai Karmachari Commission, Bengaluru, has issued a notice to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) seeking explanation about the manual scavenging incident that took place in city recently.

Acting suo-moto on the issue, the Commission has sent a notice to MCC demanding an explanation from the MCC authorities.

Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act 2013, under Section 7 and 9, it is punishable to employ people as manual scavengers and a case can be registered against the culprits.

The photos of two workers indulging in manual scavenging on Ambedkar Road in Ashokapuram here had gone viral which had received severe criticism from several quarters.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Bower

Pronunciation: BOW-er

Meaning: A pleasant shady place under trees or A lady's private apartment in a medieval hall or castle.

Origin: Bower derives from Old English būr, meaning "dwelling," and was originally used of attractive homes or retreats, especially rustic cottages. In the Middle Ages, bower came to refer to a lady's personal hideaway within a medieval castle or hall. The more familiar "arbor" sense combines the pastoral beauty of a rustic retreat with the privacy of a personal apartment. Although its tranquil modern meaning belies it, bower is distantly related to the far more roughshod bowery, which has historically been used as the name of a sleazy district in New York City. The Bowery got its name from a Dutch term for a dwelling or farm that shares a common ancestor with the terms that gave rise to "bower."

Examples: The couple's rendezvous was a secluded bower in the garden."In retelling Shakespeare's story of mortal and immortal lovers lost in a bewitched Athenian wood, Ms. Taymor has sought to conjure the sort of Jungian visions that are bred in the fertile fields of sleep. ... [S]he transforms bed and bedding into a sylvan, starry wonderland. An immense sheet rises, falls and twists itself to become a confining roof, a vast sky, a writhing forest floor and an amorous bower fit for a queen of the fairies." — Ben Brantley, The New York Times, 4 Nov. 2013.

THE ODD WORD

Hebdomadal

Weekly

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Better late than never

Meaning: It is better to do something or arrive after the expected time than not do it or arrive at all.

Origin: This proverb is often expressed with a degree of sarcasm, apparently saying something positive but in fact merely remarking on someone's lateness. A teacher might say it to a child arriving late for school, for example: Geoffrey Chaucer appears to have been the first person to have put the proverb into print, in The Yeoman's Prologue and Tale, Canterbury Tales, circa 1386: For bet than never is late. [Better than never is late.]

QUOTE BOX

If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress. **— Barack Obama**

RIDDLE THIS

If you drop a yellow hat in the Red Sea what does it become?

Answer: Wet.

SUDOKU

		3						
			4			7		9
	1	8			5	4	2	
6	4			2				
		2				5		
				7			1	8
	5	7	1			3	4	
2		4			3			
						6		

Answer to previous puzzle

9	5	1	8	4	3	7	2	6
2	3	7	5	1	6	4	8	9
6	8	4	7	2	9	5	1	3
8	2	3	6	9	5	1	4	7
4	9	6	2	7	1	8	3	5
1	7	5	3	8	4	9	6	2
3	4	9	1	5	2	6	7	8
7	1	2	9	6	8	3	5	4
5	6	8	4	3	7	2	9	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Consenting words at the altar? (1,2)
4 ___ Paar: 1954 Guru Dutt movie
7 Control-Display Unit
10 Archer's weapon?
11 Coloured diaphragm of the eye
13 Monsoon downpour?
14 Decoration; ring, bracelet, etc.
16 Entreaty
17 To pillage
19 Insincere praise
21 Ind. Bankers Assoc.
24 Lacklustre
25 Have difficulty in starting speech
27 Speedy
29 Water wheel
30 15th Greek letter
33 Prohibitions or restrictions
34 Footlike organ
35 Expecting, anticipating or looking forward to
38 Derisive, ironic or sarcastic
39 Adam and Eve's locale?
42 Earth, water air or fire?
46 In a short time
47 "Need" anagram for a sand hill?
48 Cause annoyance
49 Performance Mgmnt. Sys.
50 Prefix creating direct opposite of the simple word
51 Settle bill

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

Y	E	S			C	D	R		C	U	B	E
O	R	E			R	A	A		H	I	E	D
U	N	A	F	R	A	I	D		I	S	T	O
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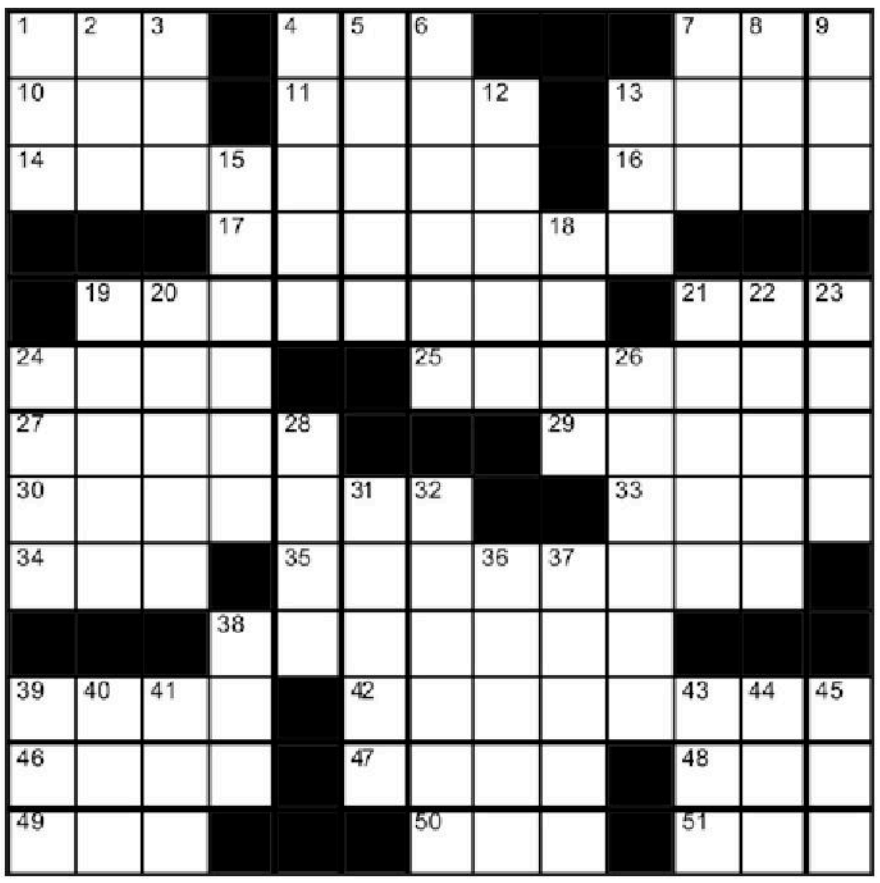
T	A	L	L		E	M	I	S	S	I	O	N
T	I	N	U		T	E	D			N	U	N
S	L	A	G		E	N	E			G	R	E

DOWN

1 African tribe
2 Beetle - "rod" anagram?
3 Have or possess
4 Take ___ __ : shoot? (3,2)
5 ___ we all : do we all not...?
6 Washes out in water
7 Calorie in short
8 Cease to live
9 Girl's name
12 Commence or begin
13 Revenue Passenger-Kilometres
15 Language of Egypt and Iraq
18 Greenish blue
19 Border enclosing a picture
20 ___ lazuli : bright blue gem?
21 Delhi Belly star ___ Khan
22 A human ___ : one of us?
23 The first king of Phliasia
24 ___ a brick : say something indiscreet?
26 Cellphone
28 A brewer's cart
31 Had possession of
32 Fastened with spike
36 Queen Boadicea's people
37 Breaks or subjugates
38 International news giants
39 The sixth sense, in short
40 Benedictine monk
41 Greek goddess of the dawn
43 __ in the bud : arrest growth
44 ___ la la... : song humming?
45 When this is the limit there is no limit!



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YSTQGSH OVPQBQPR QH XG HSKHPQPSPZ

YGT SXWZTHPOXWQXE

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Work and struggle and never accept an evil that you can change.

Now SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Londonalli Lambodara	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Yada Yada Hi Dharmasya	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Panchatantra	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Gandhada Kudi	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Rugged	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Ravi History	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Yajamana	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
HINDI			
Junglee	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
MALAYALAM			
Lucifer	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Lakshmi's NTR	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Super Deluxe	Padma	2521923	1 Show
Airaa	Padma	2521923	3 Shows

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Super Deluxe (Ta)	(S-1) 4.00 pm
Lucifer (Ma)	(S-1) 9.45 pm
Londonalli Lambodara (K)	(S-2) 10.50 am
Airaa (Ta)	(S-2) 1.30 pm
Panchatantra (K)	(S-2) 4.15 pm, 7.00 pm
Lakshmi's NTR (Te)	(S-2) 9.55 pm
Ravi History (K)	(S-3) 11.00 am
Badla (H)	(S-3) 1.50 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-3) 4.30 pm
Junglee (H)	(S-3) 7.15 pm
Us (E)	(S-3) 9.55 pm
Kesari (H)	(S-4) 10.45 am, 7.00 pm
Note Book (H)	(S-4) 1.55 pm
How to Train Your Dragon (E-3D)	(S-4) 4.30 pm

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Junglee (H)	(S-1) 9.30 am, 2.25 pm, 9.55
Dumbo (E-3D)	(S-1) 11.55 am, 4.55 pm, 7.25 pm
Panchatantra (K)	(S-2) 1.05 pm
	(S-4) 10.30 am, 9.50 pm
Londonalli Lambodara (K)	(S-3) 10.25 am
	(S-4) 4.10 pm
Ravi History (K)	(S-3) 1.15 pm
Us (E)	(S-2) 10.30 am, 4.00 pm
Gandada Kudi (K)	(S-4) 7.00 pm
Yada Yada Hi Dharmasya (K)	(S-4) 1.25 pm
Lucifer (Ma)	(S-3) 9.40 pm
Airaa (Ta)	(S-2) 6.35 pm
Super Deluxe (Ta)	(S-2) 9.30 pm
Note Book (H)	(S-3) 4.05 pm
Lakshmi's NTR (Te)	(S-3) 6.35 pm

PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

Dumbo (E-3D)	8.50am,11.25am,4.40pm,9.55pm
Yada Yada Hi Dharmasya (K)	10.00 am
Kesari (H)	10.10 am
Junglee (H)	11.05 am, 4.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Londonalli Lambodhara (K)	12.50 pm
Airaa (Ta)	1.25 pm
Ravi History (K)	1.40 pm
Us (E)	2.00 pm, 7.15 pm
Rugged (K)	3.45 pm
Dragon Ball Super: Broly (E)	4.15 pm
Panchatantra (K)	7.00 pm
Notebook (H)	7.10 pm
Lucifer (Ma)	10.00 pm
Super Deluxe (Ta)	10.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (MAR.29)

JSS Urban Haat: Kalavaibhav-2019 & Silk Utsav-2019, JSS Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Maple Bear Canadian Pre-School: Annual Day celebrations, Nrityalaya Chairperson and Director Vidu. Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra chief guest, No.218, 9th Cross, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **5 pm.**

Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC): Natarajyothsava-2019, 33rd annual National-level Classical Dance Festival for Young Male and Couple Dancers, Odissi Duet by Chitta Ranjan Pradhan and Mita Das from Bhubaneswar, **6.30 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Vid. Ananda Satchitananda from Mumbai, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **7.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavatha Dashama Skanda' by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Ganapathy Ashrama premises, Mysuru-Ooty Road, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum: World Theatre Day celebrations, 'Rangothsava-2019,' staging of play 'Summane' by Chittara, Bengaluru; Directed by Rajendra Karanth, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR.30)

Vidyavardhaka First Grade College (VVFGC), Seshadri Iyer Road: Valedictory of Cultural Sports, NCC, NSS, Bharath Scouts and Guides, Red Cross and Nature Club, Department of Collegiate Education Joint Director Prof. R. Mugeshappa delivers valedictory address, Vidyavardhaka Sangha Hon. President Gundappa Gowda presides, Sangha Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath and Hon. Treasurer Srishaila Ramannavar, VVFGC CMC Chairman T. Nagaraju and VVFGC Principal Dr. S. Marigowda guests of honour, P.M. Chikkaboraiah Hall, **10 am.**

JSS Urban Haat: Kalavaibhav-2019 & Silk Utsav-2019, JSS Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Artz Gallery: March Group Show (an art expo), Gallery premises, Gokulam, **11 am to 7 pm.**

Vidyavardhaka Polytechnic: Inauguration of Vishishta-2019, Flt. Lt. K.P. Nagesh, Chairman, National Chambers Conference Committee, FKCCI, Bengaluru, chief guest, Vidyavardhaka Hon. President Gundappa Gowda chairs, Vidyavardhaka Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath and Vidyavardhaka Polytechnic Hon. Chairman Shreeshail Ramannavar guests of honour, Sahukar Channaiah auditorium, VVCE campus, **11 am.**

Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD): 24th Annual Convocation, Volvo Group President and Managing Director Kamal Bali delivers the Convocation Address, SDM-IMD Chairman Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade presides over the occasion, Institute Director Dr. N.R. Parasuraman presents Annual Report, Institute Campus, Chamundi Hill Road, Siddarthanagar, **3 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Story-telling for kids by H.S. Sharada, Mathematics Teacher, Government High School, Kukkarahalli, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

Gaanayogi Panchakshareshwara Sangeetha Sabha: Hindustani Musical Feast on the occasion of Gaanayogi Dr. Pt. Puttaraja Gawai's 106th Jayanti Mahotsava, Dr. Anil Kumar of Dixit Ayurvedic Centre, Mysuru, chief guest, Kannada Film Industry Producer M. Sadananda guest of honour, programme by School Students, Hindustani Vocals by Pt. Shivadev Samsthan Math, Pt. Jummana Gowda Patil and Dr. Sridevi Kulenur, accompanied by Pt. Ramesh Dhannur on tabla, Pt. Vignesh Bhagwat on harmonium, Sunitha on tanpura, MID Studios, Siddalingeshwara Nagar, Bogadi 2nd Stage North, **5 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

JSS Mahavidyapeetha - Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment, Mysuru: Shivanubhava Dasoha - 257, Kannada activist and 'Kannada Belaku' weekly Editor Mugur Nanjundaswamy presides, talk on 'Sharana Vachana Kathamruta' by retd. Professor Dr. K. Anantharamu, Bhajans by Sri Shivarathreeshwara Bhajana Mandali (JSS Layout 2nd Stage), #1062, JSS Layout 2nd Stage, Lalitadripura, **6 pm.**

Gayana Sabha, Mysuru: Hindustani Classical Music Concert by Shivani Mirajkar of Dharwad, accompanied by Pt. Bhimshankar Bidanur on tabla and Deepak Nagannavar on harmonium, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Ganabharathi, **6 pm.**

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Megalamane Family: Release of book *Prof. and Lieutenant Commander C.T. Shivappa Gowda Megalamane - A Unique Personality,* MLA C.T. Ravi, former Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University Prof. Chidananda Gowda, Coffee Planter from USA Dr. Vishwamitra, Prof. Sunitha Byrappa, Mysore University, Director of APSRDI Dr. Raju, Director of Mahajana PG Centre Prof. C.K. Renukarya, Past President of Rotary Club Srinivas, former DC of KSRTC K.S. Ramegowda and ex-Corporator Preetham Nandish chief guests, State Director of NYKS Nataraju delivers keynote address, former Commander Siroi, CSR&TI Scientist, D, Dr. Bhagya and others will speak, Youth Hostel of India premises, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm to 8pm.**

Song on Siddaganga Seer to be released on Mar. 30

Mysore, Mar.29- Sri Siddaganga Musics will be releasing a song on the life of Dr. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji and his relationship with his devotees on YouTube on Mar. 30, said Manohar Kiralu.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan yesterday he said that he has written the lyrics of song and composed the music which would be released under the title *Mareyalaagada Maanikya*.

He further said that Mahamood Saab of *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa*-fame has sung the song accompanied by Subrahmanya Rao on taala, Shanmikha Sajja on keyboard and Neetu Ninaad on flute and added that the song recording, audio and video editing was done by R.K. Creators.

Manohar further said that the four-minute song will be released by actor Shivrajkumar and will be available on YouTube on Mar.30.

S. Ravishankar of R.K. Creators, Sadashiva, Lingappa and Kailasamurthy were present.

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